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IMPORTANT ITEMS TO REMEMBER

Repeat samples for total coliform positive and e. coli positive bacteriological samples **MUST** be taken within 24 hours of notification. We recommend you sample at the beginning of the week to avoid having to sample on the weekend. If you are notified on Friday, you should take the repeat sample on Sunday and submit to the laboratory first thing Monday morning.

ALWAYS notify our office and speak with an inspector within 24 hours of an e. coli positive result

Daytime :813-307-8059

After hours: 813-307-8000

REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE REMINDERS:

By now all water systems should have submitted a **revised total coliform rule sampling plan** to our office for approval and should be sampling according to your plan. Please contact Kathy Norman if you do not have an approved updated bacteriological sampling plan at 813-307-8015 ext. 5938,

Repeat Sampling

If you monitor monthly, you will not take any additional distribution samples in the month following positive bacteriological samples. Sample according to your approved plan.

If you monitor quarterly, take three (3) distribution samples the month following positive samples. For example; in the 2nd quarter (May) you have a positive sample at the kitchen sink, and the three repeats are all negative. In June you will take three distribution samples according to your sampling plan.

Always sample routine and repeat samples at your approved locations. Not sampling at the approved locations could result in the sample results being rejected for compliance, which would result in a public notice or Level 1 Assessment.

Do not take extra samples that are not on your plan. Any water systems may take extra samples for water quality information, or for customer requests, but these are considered 'special' samples and are not submitted with your monthly or quarterly samples.

Repeat bacteriological sampling must be completed within 24 hours of learning of the positive total coliform or e.coli result

CHEMICAL MONITORING REMINDERS

Sampling for Primary Inorganics, Nitrate and Nitrite, and Secondary Contaminants **MUST BE** taken at the point of entry tap (POE). This tap is located after any treatment and storage and is usually located off the back of your water tank.

Never sample from the raw tap.



Protecting your water, protecting your health

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Volatile Organics (VOC) and Pesticides and PCB's(SOC) are taken at the POE, unless you have more than 1 well. If you have multiple wells take the samples from the raw taps at each well head or combine the wells in the tank before sampling at the POE and indicate on the sampling form that the sample is a combination of both wells.

DOH-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY WEBSITE

Looking for instructions on completing your chemical sampling forms? Bacteriological Forms? Questions on Boil Water Notices? Disinfecting Wells? Looking for guidance on new rules or permitting. Everything you wanted to know and more can be found on our drinking water website:

www.hillsborough.floridahealth.gov

Don't forget, all compliance samples are due to our office by the 10th of each month. We are required to run compliance and report all violations to the FDEP and EPA monthly, and do not receive extensions for late or missed samples beyond this time. Send to: DLCHD29Drinkingwater@FLHealth.gov

As always, it is beneficial to both our office and your water system to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns. We will be glad to help!

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